

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to demand that their stations air "Stolen Honor", is clearly a partisan political tactic to influence undecided voters in the Presidential election. Such misuse of the the public airwaves is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, democracy suffers. Stations should be emphasize our own communities and offer substantive news about issues that matter, rather than rehashing the headlines at breakneck speed. Programs like "Stolen Honor" aired as "news" only increase the public's distrust of our country's media.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to be more rigorous and should hold companys who misuse the public communicaitons' system accountable. Thank you.